from all over the country and the details of the State Governments which are not co-operating in the efforts being made by the Union Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Union Government have provided some financial assistance to the Haryana Government for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the amount thereof and the amount earmarked by the State Government of this purpose during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. This news item had appeared in the context of the survey conducted in the State in implementation of the directions of the Supreme Court.

(b) After the first phase of survey, the State Government has initiated action for withdrawal of the children working in hazardous occupations/processes, establishment of Child Labour Welfare-cum-Rehabilitation Funds and recovery of compensation @Rs. 20,000 per child from employer found employing child in contravention of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.

(c) For the rehabilitation of children working in hazardous occupations, 76 Child Labour Projects have been sanctioned so far for coverage of around 1.5 lakh children working in hazardous occupations. The issue was discussed in the Conference of the State Labour Ministers held on 7-8th July, 1997 when all the State Governments reaffirmed their commitment for eradication of the practice of child labour in a phased manner.

(d) and (e) An amount of Rs. 28 lakhs has already been released by the Government of India to 16 districts of Haryana @Rs. 1.75 lakh per district for conducting survey on child labour. The State Government has also earmarked Rs. 5 lakh for the financial year 1997-98.

Funds for Cancer Centre

3357. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received by the Union Government seeking grants for Mehdi Nwaj Jung Institute for Cancer and Shrimati Basavatharak Ramarao Memorial Centre to set up a cancer hospital; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

Recognitions of BDS Degrees

3358. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether BDS degrees conferred by different Universities such as Australia, Romania and Russian Federation are recognised in India for higher studies and practice;

(b) if so, the details of such Universities; and

(c) whether the recognition pre-supposes reciprocity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) The following dental qualifications awarded by the Universities situated in Australia and Russian Federation are recognised for the purposes of the Dentists Act, 1948, only when granted to Indian Citizen. No dental qualification is recognised in respect of Romanian Universities.

1. University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia.
2. University of Queensland, Australia.
3. Moscow Medical Stomatological Institute, Moscow.

(c) No reciprocity exists with any country.

Illegal Construction

3359. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that illegal construction and renovation works are going on in large scale in the Paras Cinema Complex, Nehru Place, New Delhi despite eviction notice served by the concerned authorities in connivance with corrupt officials;

(b) if so, the relevance of eviction notice; and

(c) steps being taken to safeguard the lives of cinema viewers/employees of various organisations including the nationalised banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that in response to the vacation order issued on 25.7.97, some rectification work is going on at the site at present. The owner of the Paras Cinema has also filed an appeal against the eviction order before the Appllate Tribunal of the MCD, which, in turn, has directed MCD to inspect the site and furnish the report before it on 28.8.97. Further, two occupiers of the Complex have filed a case before Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and the same is pending.

Further action in the matter depends upon the direction of the Hon'ble Court.

MCD has also initiated action under Section 349 of the D.M.C. Act.

Leucoderma

3360. SHRI R. DEVADASS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any effective medicine for the cure of Leucoderma have been developed in the country:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any research has been carried out under Indian system of medicine or Homoeopathy for the cure and treatment of Leucoderma; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) Various modalities of treatment of Leucoderma are available in the country; such as, psoralen drugs, systemic and topical steroids, placental extract etc. which are effective in a proportion of cases.

(c) and (d) The details of researches done under the Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Researches on Leucoderma under ISM and Homoeopathy

UNANI

The Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine is engaged in research on Bars (Vitiligo) with a view to developing a safe, effective and successful treatment of this disorder. Various Unani formulations are under investigations at the Regional Research Institutes of Unani Medicine.

AYURVEDIC

AYUSH-57, a Coded Drug is under the process of trial in cases of Leucoderma under the Council with varying degrees of response.

HOMOEOPATHY

Many cases of Vitiligo/Leucoderma under Homoeopathic treatment have been reported since the discovery of Homoepathy. The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy had undertaken clinical evaluation of homoeopathic medicine in Vitiligo at its Clinical Research Unit, Surat (Gujarat) in 1985. The study was withdrawn for want of sufficient number of cases. Homoeopathic medicines are, however, prescribed on the basis of individual's constitutional, both mental/emotional and physical attributes and, therefore, no medicine can be used to specifically treat a disease/disorder.

Declining Standards of Indian Science

3361. SHRI ANANT KUMAR HEGDE :

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the declining standards of Indian Science;

(b) whether the major science policy decision taken at various high level meetings are not communicated to the working bench-level scientists;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of various official meetings attended by the Chairman of the Department of Atomic Energy and the present Chairman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board during 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) It is not correct that there is a decline in the standards of Indian Science.

(b) and (c) Policy initiatives and decisions taken at various levels are communicated to all concerned levels of scientists for implementation. Inputs received in the process of implementation of policies and programmes are also taken into account.

(d) There have been no official meetins in this context in view of the position stated in reply to part (b) and (c).

Consulate General Office

3362. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred Question No. 6176 on 14 May, 1997 regarding Consulate General Office and state;

(a) whether all the diplomatic issues have been resolved for permitting opening of an Honorary Consulate General in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the consulate is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) to (c) There are still certain diplomatic issues which need to be resolved before Government of India can think in terms of permitting the Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to open an Honorary Consulate General in India.